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SUBJ: ECE - COAL COMMITTEE: CONSIDERATION OF SOVIET

PROPOSAL FOR CONGRESSES ON ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT  
AND ENERGY (ECE DECISION B (XXXI))

REF: (A) GENEVA 7356; (B) GENEVA 7392

1. MISSION OFFICER CALLED ON ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK THIS AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS SECRETARIAT (JANSSENS) STATEMENTS TO COAL COMMITTEE RE ECE DECISION B (XXXI) (REF A). STANOVNIK SAID MATTER HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED IN HIS DIRECTORS' MEETING THIS MORNING AND ASSURED MISSION OFFICER THAT IN WATER COMMITTEE SESSION OPENING SEPTEMBER 27 AND OTHER ECE MEETINGS SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS WOULD LIMIT THEMSELVES STRICTLY TO TERMS OF DECISION B(XXXI), I.E., TO BRINGING DECISION TO ATTENTION OF PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARY BODIES.

2. STANOVNIK NOTED THAT IN SEVERAL INTERVENTIONS ON  
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MATTER AT COAL COMMITTEE SESSION, SOVIETS HAD SAID

NOTHING NEW. HE HAD EXPECTED THAT THEY MIGHT CALL ATTENTION TO SPECIFIC ITEMS RAISED IN COMMITTEE AS SUITABLE FOR CONSIDERATION BY CONGRESS, BUT NO SUCH SPECIFICS HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING.

3. STANOVNIK REPORTED THAT ON RECENT VISIT TO ROMANIA HE HAD FOUND GOR OFFICIAL MORE SUPPORTIVE THAN HE HAD PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT OF IDEA OF REGIONAL MEETINGS (BUT NOT QUOTE CONGRESSES UNQUOTE) ON BROAD TOPICS OF ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND ENERGY. HE SAID HE HAD POINTED OUT TO ROMANIANS THAT ANY MEETINGS NOT FOCUSED ON SPECIFIC TOPICS WOULD PROBABLY BE UNACCEPTABLE TO WESTERN COUNTRIES AND BE SEEN BY SOME AS DIVERSION FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF CSCE FINAL ACT.

4. COAL COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT CONTAINS UNDER ITEM ON MATTERS ARISING FROM 31ST SESSION TEXT REPORTED REFTEL (B). UNDER ITEM ON PROGRAM OF WORK REPORT CONTAINS PARAGRAPHS IN WHICH (A) GDR HELD SOVIET PROPOSAL IN LINE WITH PROVISIONS AND SPIRIT OF FINAL ACT AND SAID ECE EXPERTISE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, (B) USSR CALLED ATTENTION TO DECISION B(XXXI) AND NOTED THAT DELS OF USSR, UKRAINIAN SSR, HUNGARY, GDR, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND HAD EXPRESSED THEMSELVES IN FAVOR OF TRANSLATING SOVIET PROPOSAL INTO REALITY, (C) FRG, UK, FRANCE, ITALY, BELGIUM AND US, WHILE REITERATING THEIR READINESS TO IMPLEMENT CSCE FINAL ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY, BELIEVE THAT THE COAL COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL IN VIEW OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE, ITS PRIORITIES, AND PROCEDURES INITIATED AT COMMISSION LEVEL, AND (D) "A NUMBER OF OTHER DELEGATIONS" CONSIDERED THAT THE COMMITTEE COULD AND SHOULD MAKE ITS CONTRIBUTION.

5. SOVIET EFFORT TO INSERT IN REPORT THAT "COMMITTEE DECIDED TO KEEP IN MIND THE RELEVANT DECISION OF THE 31ST SESSION OF THE COMMISSION B(XXXI) IN CONSIDERING THE CORRESPONDING ITEMS OF THE AGENDA" QUICKLY REBUFFED BY ROMANIAN DEL WHO RECALLED SECRETARIAT STATEMENT THAT ALL INTERVENTIONS ON MATTER WERE OPINIONS OF DELS UNLESS CONFIDENTIAL

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CHAIRMAN STATED OTHERWISE AND NOTED THAT COMMITTEE HAD NOT DECIDED ANYTHING.

6. COMMENT: IF ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT IS TAKING MORE FORTHCOMING POSITION RE SOVIET CONGRESS PROPOSAL, ROMANIAN DEL TO THE COAL COMMITTEE OBVIOUSLY UNAWARE. END COMMENT.CATTO

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